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Mr. Ralph Dollhopf
Federal On-Scene Coordinator and Incident Commander
United States Environmental Protection Agency
801 Garfield Avenue, #229
Traverse City, MI 49686

RE: Discontinuation of Helicopter Overflights

Dear Mr. Dollhopf:

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) is requesting approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to discontinue the use of regularly scheduled (currently weekly) helicopter overflights. While the overflights were a useful monitoring tool during the initial stages of the incident, after 30 months and a significant decrease in activity level, we have determined that they no longer provide justifiable value to the response. Additionally, Enbridge has received numerous complaints from the general public as a result of the noise generated from these flights.

Conditions along the entire length of the river are currently observed and documented daily by land and water based Situation Unit personnel as well as response workers active throughout the system. On those occasions where situations or conditions require the use of helicopters, Enbridge will continue to make them available upon request. Enbridge proposes to discontinue the use of regularly scheduled helicopter overflights upon receipt of written approval by the U.S. EPA.

Please contact myself or Enbridge's Incident Commander, John Sobojinski, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ENBRIDGE ENERGY, LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP
By Enbridge Pipelines (Lakehead) L.L.C.
It's General Partner

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Richard Adams
Vice President, U.S. Field Operations

CC: Mark Durno, U.S. EPA (via email)
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John Sobojinski, Enbridge (via email)
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